

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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4 Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-728US  
Title: Methods and Systems for Creating Skins

5 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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11 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention  
12 entitled "Methods and Systems for Creating Skins," the specification of which is  
13 attached hereto.

14 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified  
15 specification, including the claims.

16 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the  
17 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal  
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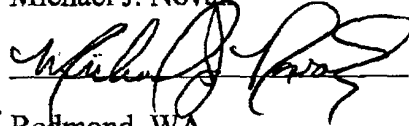
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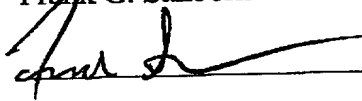
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